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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJ: BOURGUIBA VISIT

1. BOURGUIBA ARRIVED RABAT SALE AIRPORT EARLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHERE RECEIVED BY KING HASSAN. HIGH OFFICIALS IN ENTOURAGE INCLUDED FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI, FINANCE MINISTER FITOURI, MAHMOUD MAAMOURI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION, CHADLI KLIBI, DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CABINET, AND ABDULMAJID KAROUI, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. (WE BELIEVE MINISTER OF STATE SAYAH TO BE IN PARTY AS WELL, BUT PRESS DID NOT LIST HIS NAME.) UNUSUALLY LARGE, SPONTANEOUSLY ORGANIZED CROWDS, WHICH HAD BEEN PUT IN PLACE HOURS IN ADVANCE, ON HAND TO CHEER OFFICIAL MOTORCADE AS IT MADE ITS WAY FROM AIRPORT TO GUEST PALACE.

2. PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY EMBARKED ON ROUND OF PROTOCOLARY ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDED VISIT TO TOMB OF MOHAMMED V, RECEPTION OF DIPLOMATS AND STATE DINNER GIVEN BY KING AT SKHIRAT PALACE OUTSIDE CAPITAL. HE LOOKED FIT AND FULL OF PEP AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION WHICH WAS ONLY OCCASION SO FAR ON WHICH HE WAS EXPOSED TO ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. (AIRPORT RECEPTION

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CEREMONY WAS IN THEORY TO BE ATTENDED ONLY BY ARAB AND AFRICAN

ENVOYS ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN AND INDIAN AMBASSADORS SOMEHOW FOUND THEIR WAY THERE. ARAB AMBASSADORS WERE ONLY DIPLOMATS INVITED TO DINNER.)

3. ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE ARAB DIPLOMAT, BOURGUIBA INFURIATED KING BY LANDING 40 MINUTES LATE, LEAVING KING TO COOL HIS HEELS AT AIRPORT WHILE TUNISIAN AIRCRAFT CIRCLED ABOVE. DELAY SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY BOURGUIBA'S DESIRE TO FINISH HIS LUNCH WHICH HE HAD BEGUN ON PLANE DURING FLIGHT FROM TUNIS. AIRPORT CEREMONIES REPORTEDLY CURTAILED AS RESULT KING'S PIQUE, AND TELEVISION REPLAY OF ARRIVAL SHOWED BOURGUIBA BEING WHISKED OFF AS HE IN MIDST OF GREETING TUNISIAN COMMUNITY. CHERIFIAN IRE SEEMS TO HAVE COOLED QUICKLY, HOWEVER. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS JUNE 28 COVERED ARRIVAL IN EXCRUCIATING DETAIL AND CARRIED EDITORIAL PRAISING BOURGUIBA'S ROLE IN NORTH AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE.

4. SAME DIPLOMATIC SOURCE JUST MENTIONED TELLS US THAT VISIT WAS OUTGROWTH OF INVITATION FROM ISTIQLAL PARTY TO ATTEND CEREMONY ON FORTIETH DAY AFTER ALLAL EL FASSI'S DEATH. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI'S VISIT, ACCORDING SOURCE, WAS MADE IN PART TO SOLICIT OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM KING, AND RESULT WAS QUOTE SEMI-OFFICIAL UNQUOTE INVITATION WHICH BOURGUIBA ACCEPTED WITH ALACRITY. NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND ISTIQLAL CEREMONY. ISTIQLALI PRESS REPORTED THAT HE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY MINISTER OF STATE SAYAH AND OTHERS.

5. SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN KING AND PRESIDENT HAVE SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO BRIEF TETE-A-TETE BEFORE SKHIRAT DINNER. MEDIA HAVE EMPHASIZED WHAT THEY CHOOSE TO REGARD AS FORTHCOMING TUNISIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS MOROCCAN POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA, AND IT MAY BE THAT GOM EXPECTS GREAT THINGS FROM BOURGUIBA ON THIS SCORE.

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